SECTION II.—SUBJECTS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

The 25th October 1893.

KADUR DISTRICT.

Subjects Nos. 28 to 30 were introduced by Mr. Digby T. Brett (Coffee Planter, R. M. from North Mysore Planters' Association).

No. 31 by Mr. Graham Anderson, Coffee Planter, (R. M. from South Mysore Planters' Association).

Nos. 32 and 33 by Mr. Bhaskaraiya (Patel, R. M. from Tarikere Taluk).

Nos. 34 and 35 by Mr. Nandi Abdul Khader Saib (Merchant, R. M., Tarikere Taluk).

Nos. 36 and 37 by Mr. Puttaiya (R. M., Ajjampur Municipality).

No. 38 by Mr. Togarihankal Mohadin Saib (Land-holder, R. M., Tarikere Taluk.)

Nos. 39 to 43 by Mr. Sivappa, (Patel, R. M., Tarikere Municipality).

No. 44 by Mr. Ramachandraiya (Land-holder, R. M., Yedahalli Sub-Taluk).

Nos. 45 and 46 by Mr. Nuggimakki Malleshaiya (Land-holder, R. M., Koppa Taluk).

Nos. 47 and 48 by Mr. Kharidi Govindappa (Money-lender, R. M., Kadur Taluk).

Nos. 49 to 53 by Mr. Somegauda (Patel, R. M., Mudgere Taluk).

Nos. 54 and 55 by Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao (Coffee Planter, R. M. from Chikmagalur Municipality).

Nos. 56 and 57 by Mr. Vasudeva Rao (Coffee Planter, R. M. from Chikmagalur Taluk).

Nos. 58 to 62 by Mr. M. Ganesha Rao (Coffee Planter, R. M., Kadur District Local Fund Board).

Subject No. 28.

Roads and Communications.

Summary of discussion.—Mr. Digby T. Brett said that roads in the Coffee District continued to be bad. He could say this from personal knowledge having recently travelled over about 250 miles of them. Almost all of them were in bad condition. He would adduce the Aldur Ghat road as an example and a fair specimen. Culverts were blocked and rain water overflowed into the road, washing away protecting walls and road material. On these roads generally, work is not done in season. The metal used was often as big as one's fist. (The Deputy Commissioner Mr. Sparkes was here understood to observe that he did not consider the roads generally to be in particularly bad state). Mr. Brett also adduced the Koppa-Tarikere road and went on to say, let the main lines of communication at all events be kept in proper order. He travelled along the Yedahalli-Shimoga road on 20th August last. The metal had been thrown on the road and left to consolidate any way it could. Mr. Srinivasa Rao observed that the roads used to be in good condition formerly

and have been bad during the past few years only. Bad material was used. Rubbish was often substituted for gravel. He would suggest the expediency of having a separate Engineer for Local Fund Works. Such Engineer would be under the authority of the Deputy Commissioner and would listen to complaints more sympathetically. Mr. Garudach'a B.A., B.L., said that no fault could be attached to supervising officers nor even to the Rules in accordance with which road work is carried out. The Rules are sufficient and provide for all details of construction, such as the size of metal to be used, lengths of road to be repaired at a time, &c. The rules only required to be carefully carried out. Separate officers for Local Fund works alone are not required. They would cost high, or for small pay only an inferior class of men can be obtained. The better plan would be to grant existing officers the help of a larger number of subordinate officials. Mr. Srinivasa Rao pointed out that the cost could not be much greater than now when a percentage on expenditure is still charged to the Local Fund Budget.

Dewan's reply.—It is only comparatively recently that we have been hearing complaints against the Public Works Department in the Kadur District. We shall get the Chief Engineer to look into this matter most carefully.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Subject No. 29.
Bridge across the river at Tadasa.

Summary of discussion.—Mr. Digby T. Brett urged the importance of an early construction of a bridge across the Bhadra River at Tadasa. The great facility of communication which this would afford would be the means of much of the large areas now lying waste being taken up for cultivation.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 30.
Taluk Cutcherry required at Bale-Honnur.

Summary of discussion.—A Taluk Cutcherry should be established at Balé-Honnur. The Deputy Amildar at Yedahalli which is a very unhealthy place may be shifted to Balé-Honnur.

Dewan's reply.—It is doubtful that Balé-Honnur is healthier than Yedahalli. (After conferring with Mr. Sparkes). We will examine the proposal. The Deputy Commissioner has been instructed to investigate and report upon it.

Subject No. 31.
Resident European Medical Officer for Chikmagalur.

Summary of discussion.—Mr. Graham Anderson on behalf of both the North and South Mysore Planters' Associations, urged the necessity for the appointment of a resident European Medical Officer in Chikmagalur. An Officer of proved ability, energy and resource, always available to meet the requirements of two such important Districts as Hassan and Kadur, would be of great advantage. The European community was increasing in number. Owing to the great